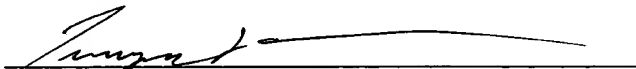


REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 5, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, Claim 8, with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider this restriction requirement as all of the claims are directed to cement compositions which were indicated as being allowable by the Examiner in the previous Office Action. That is, in the first Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the claims contained allowable subject matter and would be allowed if the formal defects contained therein were corrected. In response to the first Office Action, Applicants canceled Claims 1-7 and replaced them with newly presented Claims 8-14 which respectively contain the subject matter of Claims 1-7 with the formal defects therein corrected. For the Examiner thereafter to issue a 7-way restriction requirement on claims that were supposed to have been examined before is highly improper. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Newly presented Claims 15 and 16 are dependent on Claim 8. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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